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School board adopts nearly \$40M budget

By Mike Lydick Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM – Unlike school budgets some surrounding districts have proposed, the new school budget recently adopted by Agawam's school committee avoids increases in class size, reductions to student services, teacher layoffs or new student fees.

The committee adopted a nearly \$40 million budget for the 2014-15 school year in late April. It maintains the current level of instruction to students, but also includes several additional teaching positions to prevent an increase in class size at the elementary level.

Superintendent William Sapelli made his final, but brief, overview of the budget to the committee on April 29. The committee – without any discussion – then voted to tentatively approve the budget prior to a public hearing.

The hearing allowed residents the opportunity to speak in favor or in opposition to the budget or to make any comments on the budget before the committee takes its final vote. When no residents came forward to speak, the hearing was declared closed by Mayor Richard Cohen, who serves as committee chair.

The final vote to adopt a budget of \$39.9 million was 6 to 1, with Cohen voting "present" – a vote

that is neither for nor against. The entire process took less than 10 minutes.

School budget awaits council action

The school budget, which the committee was required to vote on by May 1, now will be incor-

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Councilors react to arbitrator rulings

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM – Some Agawam city councilors have mixed feelings after learning last week about the arbitration rulings handed down by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission regarding mitigation payments for the towns of Longmeadow and West Springfield.

One city councilor said he would like Mayor Richard Cohen to use a clause in the contract to go back to the gaming commission and MGM, the casino group looking to build a resort casino in Springfield, for larger mitigation payments.

"I would like to see the mayor go back and see if there is a way to get more money for the town," said Councilor George Bitzas. "Agawam is going to be impacted a lot by the casinos in Springfield."

Agawam was the second community to work out an agreement with MGM; Ludlow was the first. The agreement was reached in early December and called for an initial payment of \$125,000 and then payments of \$150,000 each year for 15 years for a total of \$2.5 million.

Last week, an arbitrator ruled West Springfield's impact to be worth \$425,000 per year. The town will receive \$665,000 up front. Longmeadow will receive \$850,000 up front and 13 annual payments of \$275,000, making the agreement worth more than \$4 million.

Longmeadow petitioned the gaming commission to be designated as a surrounding community and went to arbitration after they could not reach an agreement. Longmeadow originally sought more than \$8 million.

Councilors Paul Cavallo and Donald Rheault, both members of Cohen's Casino Mitigation Committee, say the town will be receiving money and negotiated with the casino in good faith and with the best intentions. Cavallo said the towns of West Springfield and Longmeadow both "rolled the dice" in getting their rulings from the arbitrator.

"It is possible that the gaming commission could have made a different ruling about their impact as a surrounding community," said Cavallo. "If we had held out, we may not have gotten anything. We did the best we could on the

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GLAD HATTERS



Turley Publications photo by Mike Lydick

Southwick residents Ron and Deb Croteau were among several dozen people who gathered at Murphy's Pub in Agawam on May 3 to watch the Kentucky Derby and raise funds for the Relay For Life of Agawam. The event, Derby Day for the Relay, was hosted by Team Jan's Joker's. Croteau is holding a basket of lottery scratch tickets that she won in a hat contest for ladies.

Former pageant queen mentoring next generation

By Kate Anderson Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM – Although the Miss Massachusetts pageant is not until June, preparation for competition is already in full swing. Behind the scenes, former pageant contestant Kimmy Supernaw, of Agawam, is working hard to coach girls toward their goal for the season: the Miss Massachusetts crown.

Supernaw began competing in pageants at the age of 18. By the time she stopped competing at the age of 24, she had won Miss Baystate, Miss Mayflower and competed twice for Miss Massachusetts. In her final year of pageant eligibility, she won runner-up in the Miss Vermont pageant. Though the one-vote loss was bittersweet, all women awarded the first runner-up go on to the

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Turley Publication photo by Kate Anderson

Kimmy Supernaw, of Agawam, a former Miss Massachusetts pageant contestant, poses with her crowns and sashes.

Council approves marijuana ordinance, forms housing committee

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam City Council this week approved two ordinances that will be going into effect thanks to unanimous votes.

The Zoning Ordinance to allow registered medical marijuana facilities was approved.

Councilors unanimously approved both readings of the ordinance, which is required by town code. Councilors approved the first reading at their April 22 meeting with little discussion.

At the May 5 meeting, Councilors Robert Rossi and Anthony Suffriti did not raise objection with the ordinance itself, but planted a seed that the city council should impose fees and make sure that property taxes can be collected

from such facilities.

According to the regulations set forth by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, organizations that are responsible for the growth and distribution of medical marijuana must be non-profit.

"I have some questions whether there will be provisions for such thing as licensing fees," said Rossi. "We should have some kind of provisions for the impacts these facilities could have on the community."

Council President Christopher Johnson concurred with Rossi's concerns, but said the council is only approving the regulations that will be governing the zoning

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Consulting firm chosen to improve busy intersection

that the engineering consultant firm Milone & MacBroom, Inc., of Springfield, has been selected by the town and approved by Mass-DOT to assist in improving the Feeding Hills intersection.

Milone & MacBroom, Inc., will work with the town by providing engineering and design services to improve both operations and safety for all modes of transportation at the intersection of Springfield Street, South Westfield Street, North Westfield Street (Route 187) and Southwick Street (Route 57). Where feasible, a "complete street" approach will incorporate sustainable transpor-

Mayor Richard A. Cohen has announced tation initiative design practices to enhance the overall environmental stewardship of the project. The project is currently listed for construction in Fiscal Year 2017 of the Pioneer Valley MPO Transportation Improvement Program. This initiative is the next step in working to improve the safety and traffic flow at this very busy intersection.

The design and construction of this project will be funded 100 percent by MassDOT with support from Gov. Deval Patrick, Mass-DOT Secretary and CEO Richard A. Davey and Al Stegemann, highway directory of MssDOT District 2.

Evan Bard

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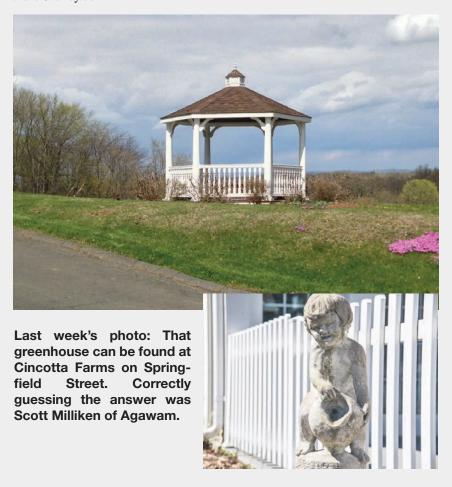


VHERE IS IT?

Each week Agawam Advertiser News will feature a photo of a local building, item, sign, place or landmark and ask readers to pick their brains to figure out where it is or even what it is. Check here each week to test your knowledge of the area where we live and work. The photo will be from either Agawam or Feeding Hills, but we'll always give you a hint or two.

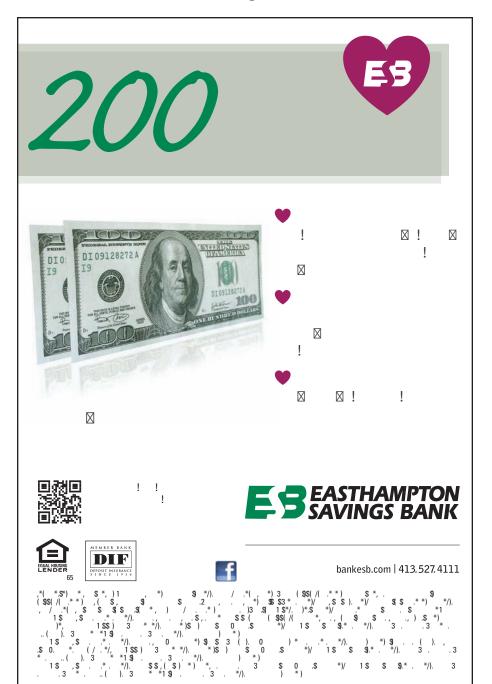
The answer to this week's "Where is it?" will run in next week's edition along with the name of the first person to submit a correct answer and a new trivia photo

E-mail answers or future Where Is It? suggestions to interim editor Tim Kane at tkane@turley.com.



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Public input sought on CPA

AGAWAM – Residents are invited to provide input on the goals of the Agawam Community Preservation Act Committee (CPC) at a public hearing to be held Wednesday, May 28, at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center. The committee was formed to study the needs, possibilities and resources of the town regarding community preservation.

The committee will provide an overview of the financial performance of the Community Preservation Act (CPA) fund and is also seeking input on future projects and spending.

CPA allows communities to create a local Community Preservation Fund for open space protection, historic preservation, affordable housing and outdoor recreation. Community preservation monies are raised locally through the imposition of a 1 percent surcharge on residents' annual real estate taxes. Most residents pay an average of \$28 a year into the CPA fund. The CPA statute also creates a statewide Community Preservation Trust Fund, administered by the Department of Revenue (DOR), which provides distributions each year to communities that have adopted CPA. This year, the DOR is estimating they will disburse an additional 23 percent of the amount each community raises through the local surcharge.

Property taxes traditionally fund the day-to-day operating needs of safety, health, schools, roads, maintenance and more. But until CPA was enacted, there was no steady funding source for preserving and improving a community's character and quality of life. The CPA gives a community the funds needed to control

The Community Preservation Committee welcomes new project proposals that may contribute to community preservation in Agawam. Any person wishing to may submit such proposals to the committee using the form and guidelines located on the website, www.AgawamCPA. com, or by picking one up at the Planning Office at town hall.

The CPC can be reached at 36 Main St., by phone at (413) 726-9742, or by email at cpa@agawam.ma.us.

Refreshments will be served.

Regular School Committee meeting agenda

Roberta G. Doering School 68 Main St. Tuesday, May 13 – 7 p.m.

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Moment of Silence
- 3. Roll call of attendance
- 4. Regular meeting 7 p.m.
- 5. Citizen's Speak Time:
- 6. Highlights on Education: a. Starbase Academy Presentation
- 7. Superintendent's Notes
- 8. Student Advisory Committee representative update
- 9. Unfinished business: None
- 10. Business meeting:
- a. Routine matters
- 1) Approval of Minutes
- 2) Calendar/Correspondence
- b. Warrants/Transfers
- c. Reports:
- 1). Scheduled Reports:
- Curriculum Writing/Delivery Update (paper report)
- · Coordinated Family & Community Engagement Grant Update - R. Fernandes & M. Connery
 - 2). Subcommittee updates

- a. SCR-14-14, Approval of AHS Rosie Robotics Team Trip to WPI for the Annual Battle Cry Competition from May 24, 25, and 26, 2014.
- b. SCR-14-15, Approval of Continued Participation in the School Choice Pro-
 - 12. Personnel:
- a. Introduction of Joel Illouz, new Food Service Director
 - 13. Policy Review:
- a. Policy IJNDC-R, Appropriate Use of Mobile Devices by Employees, 2nd and
- b. Policy IJNDC-F, Appropriate Use of Mobile Devices by Employees Signature Form, 2nd and 3rd readings
- c. Policy IJNDC-R1, Appropriate Use of Mobile Devices by Students, 2nd and 3rd readings
- d. Policy IJNDC-F1, Appropriate Use of Mobile Devices by Students Signature Form, 2nd and 3rd readings
- 14. Any other items that may legally come before the committee
 - 15. Adjournment

Saving Lives in Agawam for Nearly 100 Years: The **Agawam Fire Department**

By Kristie Poehler

Special to the Agawam Advertiser News

ocated at the top of Elm Street in the Lihistoric area of Agawam is the Agawam Historical and Fire House Museum. The building has solid roots in Agawam as Fire House #3, one of the three original fire houses in the city. Built in 1918, this station marked a turning point in the business of firefighting when 60 volunteer firemen split into three companies to serve Agawam and Feeding Hills.

According to the Agawam Historical Association, "...at a special town meeting on September 26, 1917 the Special Committee on Fire Department Needs in Agawam Center reported advising the building of a hose house." The land chosen for the site belonged to the Bodurthas, one of the founding families of Agawam. Some of this same land was also appropriated by the town for the Agawam Center Cemetery. Originally the cost of the firehouse was supposed to be \$3,600, but in reality it cost closer to \$5,000. Norman F. Winter was the architect of Fire House #3, and he designed it to hold motorized fire engines, the first building of its kind

Prior to this, equipment was stored in the shed adjacent to the Congregational Church at the top of Elm and Main streets. In 1919, money was raised to buy three motorized REO hose fire trucks; REO is the acronym for Robert E. Olds Motor Car Company out of Lansing, Michigan, and they manufactured many of the fire trucks in the early 20th century. The three trucks were parceled out to Fire House #1 in North Agawam, #2 in Feeding Hills and the Elm Street Station.

According to former Fire Chief Russell "Rusty" Jenks, the department was solely volunteer until the 1940s, when they put one fireman on salary weekdays only, then a few years later, two firemen. "When I came on, in 1954, they had one man at each station round-the-clock," Jenks said. "A few years later, they put on two men." Jenks was fire chief from 1981-1993 and is now on the board of directors of the Agawam Historical Association. One of the buildings in his care is the Agawam Historical and Fire House

The department has had to fight some large fires in its day. One of note was the Maintenance Building fire at Riverside Park in May 1987. It happened in the office building near the entrance to the park and no rides were damaged; due to all the flammable material inside, the building could not be saved. Another was "a fire that took the grandstand at the old racetrack that was near the airport," said Jenks. For that call, mutual aid was needed from the fire departments in Springfield and West Springfield.

In all the years the Agawam Fire Department has been serving the community, no one has been killed in the line of duty. "We are very lucky," Jenks said, "to have never lost a firefighter. We have had injuries, but fortunately, no loss of life."

For more information on Agawam's fire department history, call the Agawam Historical and Fire House Museum at 413-789-4631. The museum is open the second Sunday of each month, from May through December, from 1-4 p.m.

St. John's Travelers announces bus trips

The St. John's Travelers will host a bus trip to see Jimmy Sturr, "The King of Polka," and his 10-piece orchestra at the Grand Oak Villa in Oakville, Conn., Thursday, May 22.

The cost of the trip is \$81 per person and includes round-trip transportation, the driver's gratuity, a family-style luncheon, wine at every table, and cheese and crackers on

The bus will leave St. John's Church, 833 Main St., Agawam, at 9:45 a.m. and will return at 4:30 p.m.

The St. John's Travelers will also host a bus trip to the MacHaydn Theater in Chatham, N.Y., Wednesday, May 28, for a showing of Sondheim's "Putting it Together."

Cost of the trip is \$85 and includes roundtrip transportation, a sit-down luncheon at Michael's, meal taxes and gratuities, and driver's gratuity. The bus will depart St. John's Church at 10 a.m. and will return at

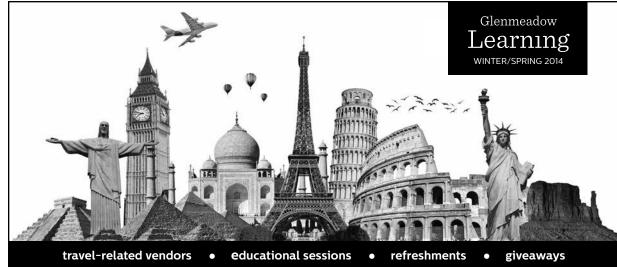
For information and reservations for both trips, call Emile Coté at (413) 335-9440.





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Event is free and open to the public, but space is limited. For information or to register call 413.567.7800 or email learning@ glenmeadow.org. Visit glenmeadow. org/learning.

Opinion

How young is too young to serve town?

A request was recently made by a mother in a nearby town for her "tween" (pre-teen/young teen) age son to join a committee she was on. This request was made to the select-board who was asked if this was appropriate.

Given that in some towns it is very hard to find anyone to serve on a committee or board, this raised some interesting questions

For the mother and son, it is beneficial since the son had been to many other meetings with mom and certainly has an idea of what's going on. The son would be learning civic responsibly, learn how government works, and see how people work on projects-- such as sharing ideas or negotiating issues.

If more people had their kids on boards and committees maybe they would keep on serving the town as they become adults. Maybe this would lesson the incidents of call arounds to make a town meeting quorum.

One selectboard member said that so many kids would rather sit in front of a screen all day instead of participating in government. It's good to encourage them.

However, another selectboard member said that there is a reason why the town has always appointed adults to committees. Children simply don't have the education or life experience to make informed decisions on things. Sure kids are smart in many school areas such as knowing if Pluto is still a planet or not, or what a "sea pig" is, but school experience doesn't always translate into the real world.

In the real world, adults have gone through having their own children, have worked at various jobs, learned about money, learned how to work with people they don't like, worked with budgets, and above all, have learned about independent thought.

This leads to the other problem with children (who in this case would be serving with his mother) they would be tied to their parent's thoughts. And this could set up a really crazy precedent of people bringing their children onto boards and committees to sway votes.

For instance, if there was a hot button topic like biomass or bike paths or fracking pipelines, one group could stack the vote with their children.

Or what happens if a parent thinks their kid is mature enough but isn't-- things could get disruptive. Who gets to tell the parent to control their child? Does the chairman? What happens if the chairman's child gets out of hand? What happens if more than one disruptive child goes wild?

And what about conflict of interest laws? There have been lots of trouble in small towns where most people are related to each other and family members serve on many boards. It's not that they're trying to take over, it's just that there is no one else with the experience or ability to do the job better. But to some it looks bad.

We don't know if there is an official law concerning a mother trying to get her son on a board, but there definitely would be an appearance of conflict of interest.

Of course, there could be exceptions to children serving. Adult children can serve on boards and committees if duly elected or appointed. And if the young person is not related to anyone on the board that might be all right if they prove to be up for it.

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Letter to the Editor

Students deserve praise, recognition

To the editor:

The Agawam Lions Club would like to congratulate Caitlin McCarthy for becoming the Massachusetts Lions State Speech Competition winner Saturday, May 3. This was a challenging process through which Caitlin grew over two years to become the best in the state winner.

We would also like to thank Dominic Costanzi, an Agawam High School English teacher who accepted the assignment which basically entailed unpaid extra work as the Lions Club speech coach to prepare Caitlin and other students for the speaking competition. In addition, we would also like to thank Carmino Mineo, a member of the Agawam School Committee who gave his time to help as a

judge during some of the early competitions.

Finally and most importantly, I would to thank all of the students who entered the competition and did not win. We are very proud you tried and hope this type of extra schoolwork activity will shape your future to be successful and productive.

It was our feeling in a previous letter sent to the Agawam Advertiser News that working together with teachers, students and the school committee members, we could apply real world applications to the learning process. Beating the extraordinary talent pool from the eastern part of the state was a major accomplishment here. We hope the high school and the school committee will recognize all of these players here for their extraordinary efforts.

This year's topic was, "How Do I Want To Be Remembered?"

Beverly Tetreault, president Agawam Lions Club



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Santa Fe Chicken

I love Mexican flavored foods, but I have never been able to grasp why anyone would eat any food that is so spicy hot that it numbs your mouth. It

makes no sense that you would inhibit the duty of your taste buds for the remainder of your meal. A red cherry pepper is just the right size when cooking for two, and it has a mild heat index that will enhance the flavor without eliminating the taste of the next thing you put in your mouth.

I define a 'chicken breast fillet' as a half of a boneless, skinless breast that has been pounded to about 1/4"- 1/2" thick. It is not recommended to substitute canned corn for the frozen as it may cause the tortilla chips to become soggy, although I have successfully substituted Ched-

dar, Mozzarella, or a Mexican blend cheese for the Monterey Jack. Having never mastered the use of a meat thermometer and since I am familiar with my oven, I know how long to cook my chicken breasts according to their thickness. If you use a meat thermometer, it should read 165 degrees. If the meat is still pink, it is undercooked and not safe to

eat. Overcooking will cause them to become dry.

Although you will find different flavored tortilla

chips, I have tried them all and decided that the nacho cheese flavored seem to give the best result in this recipe.



Santa Fe Chicken

3/4 C. finely crushed nacho cheese flavor tortilla corn chips

2 chicken breast fillets 1 red cherry pepper 1/2 C. frozen yellow corn 1 tsp. chili seasoning mix 1/2 C. shredded Monte

Dredge chicken breasts, on both sides, in crushed tortilla chips. Place coated breasts on a foil-lined rimmed cookie sheet that has been sprayed with nonstick cooking spray and set aside. Remove and

cheese

discard the stem and seeds from the cherry pepper. Finely chop the pepper and combine with the corn,

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Families

Robinson graduates from basic training



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Airman Kamelle J. Robinson

Air Force Airman Kamelle J. Robinson graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Robinson is the son of Jackuline D. Robinson, of Feeding Hills, and Keith J. Robinson, of Columbia, S.C. He is a 2013 graduate of Agawam High School.

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chili seasoning, and cheese in a small bowl.

Spoon corn mixture evenly on top of chicken breasts. Sprinkle remaining crushed tortilla chips on top. Bake in a 350° oven for 30-35 minutes or until juices run clear. Serve immediately.

NOTES: One bag (2 3/4 oz.) of tortilla chips should yield the necessary amount. I will sometimes use my food processor to crush the tortilla chips. One red cherry pepper will yield about 1 T. (heaping) chopped.

Ann Macey is the author of 'Ann's Table For Two: Quick and Easy Two Serving Recipes' and a resident of Agawam. Ann always welcomes your questions and comments and you may contact her at: AnnsTable@gmail.com.

RAIN CAN'T STOP THE SCOUTS



Turley Publications courtesy photo

Cub Scout Pack 82 members volunteered at Agawam High School recently to clean up the trash around the perimeter of the school, around the parking lot and the fenced area. They filled numerous large trash bags of trash in the rain, showing the dedication the Cub Scouts have to their community.

Library display to feature photographs, woodcarvings

For the month of May, the Agawam Public Library will display the "light photography" of 11-year-old photographer Joshuah Chaisson and the woodcarvings of Robert Beaudry. Chaisson's photos will be featured in the main gallery of the library, located at 750 Cooper St. Beaudry's art will be featured in the display cases found on the main level of the library.

A resident of Agawam and a fifth-grade student at the Roberta G. Doering School, Chaisson has been taking photographs for two years and enjoys the process of creating his own unique images. The public is welcome to meet him Saturday, May 3, from 2-4 p.m. during his first art show. There will be items for patrons to purchase the day of the opening and all of his photography will be for sale. According to Chaisson, his goal is to raise enough money to purchase a more up-to-date camera.

Beaudry is a member of the New England Wood Carvers and the National Woodcarver's Association and a four-time winner of the New England Wood Carvers annual competi-

Free spa experience at Heritage Woods

Heritage Woods Assisted Living has partnered with Designer's Edge Salon & Spa and Simply Devine Beauty Lounge to offer an evening of free pampering Wednesday, May 14, from 3:30-7:30 p.m. at Heritage Woods, 462 Main St., Agawam. Celebrate Mother's Day by enjoying a chair massage and getting your hair, makeup or nails done. Space is limited. To book an appointment, call (413) 789-8332.

tion.

A native of West Springfield and a current resident of Feeding Hills, Beaudry began working with woods in 1984 as a designer and builder of simple cabinetry projects. His passion for woodcarving was sparked in 1992 when, admiring a display of intricately-carved furniture in a shop window, he was moved to enter the store and meet the artist who created them, master carver Dimitry Klitzas. The meeting inspired Beaudry to attend Klitzas's Wednesday night woodcarving classes, where his skills with woodwork were refined to create increasingly ornate pieces.

Today, Beaudry continues to carve intricate works of art, many of which have been commissioned by religious organizations, donated for charity benefits, and ordered privately as gifts. His work features a variety of woods, ranging from white oak to jatoba, and are never painted or stained due to Beaudry's belief in the natural beauty of wood. This will be Beaudry's first public showing of his art.

Can, bottle drive to benefit scouts

Boy Scout Troop 185 will host a can and bottle drive Saturday, May 31, with a rain date of June 7. Drop off is in front of the Agawam First Baptist Church on Main Street from 9 a.m.to 1 p.m. Proceeds will help defray the cost of campouts and other scout functions.

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Openings available for theatre camps

Kit and Kaboodle Productions will again offer summer theatre camps at the Red Door Theatre in Feeding Hills. The theatre company offers seven one-week camps, including three for children 5 to 9 years old and four camps for youth 8 to 15 years old.

The younger group session ends in a showcase musical production of "Lemonade" by John Higgins presented for their families and invited guests. The older group presents a full-scale theatrical production of four performances at the end of their camps. This year's productions are all original plays written by Agawam playwrights and Red Door directors Marilene Allen and Lyle Pearsons. Allen's play, "A

Grimm By Any Other Name," is already filled, but there are still openings for the three plays by Pearsons, "To Oz and Back," "The Princess in the Iron Helmet" and "The Mystery of Griswald Theatre."

The camp days are filled with acting games and lessons, poster and program-making, costume and set decoration as well as rehearsals for the shows performed on the weekends

For more information on times, fees for the camps and applications, call the box office at (413) 789-2026 or visit

Volunteers needed for the Pan-Mass Challenge

NEEDHAM – Volunteers are the gears driving the Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) engine toward an unprecedented \$40 million goal.

The PMC, the nation's largest single fundraising event that raises money for charity, is seeking volunteers to roll up their sleeves and help the annual bike-a-thon raise money for cancer research. Volunteers provide assistance with registration, medical support, bike repairs, luggage transportation, security, food service, set-up and clean-up during the two-day bike-a-thon that spans 190 miles across the Commonwealth. Volunteer registration for the 35th annual PMC, which is set for Aug. 2 and 3, is open through July 15.

In particular, massage, occupational, and physical therapists are needed to rub the sore bodies of cyclists when the first day of the event concludes at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy in Bourne.

Since its inception in 1980, the PMC has raised \$414 million to support adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through the Jimmy Fund. More than 3,300 volunteers help the PMC keep its operating expenses low, making it possible for 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar to be dedicated to the cause. The PMC is Dana-Farber's largest single contributor, and the event raises more than 50 percent of the Jimmy Fund's annual revenue.

Volunteers can help before the event, on all three days of PMC weekend, Aug. 1, 2 and 3, or volunteer one day and ride in the Sunday route designated for volunteers from Bourne to Wellesley.

For more information about the PMC, or to register to volunteer, visit pmc.org.

School board adopts nearly \$40M budget

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porated into the town budget. The combined budget will be presented to the city council later this month. If the council does not make any changes, the school department budget will increase by \$1.8 million dollars when FY '15 begins but 1

When Sapelli initially proposed the budget in early February, it totaled more than \$40 million. The projected increase to the 2013-14 school budget of \$38,080,847 was just over \$2 million. However, decreases in out-of-district, non-special education tuition as well as building-based and district-wide supplies allowed the superintendent to pare nearly \$172,000 from the preliminary budget.

During the presentation, the superintendent praised administrators and directors for looking for ways to reduce costs. Sapelli said he appreciated their efforts and credit them for making minimal increases or no increases for purchased services or supplies.

More funds for technology, testing and teachers

Fixed costs for such things as license fees, software and desktop computers in the information technology (IT) department, along with higher costs for athletic transportation, purchased services and special education tuition, are among the drivers of the budget increase.

There are also additional costs associated with meeting the requirements for the Common Core State Standards and two



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new state-mandated assessment programs – District Determined Measures (DDM) and the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC).

Salaries for staff and teachers make up 80 percent of the school budget. The total increase in salaries for the FY '15 budget is \$1.6 million. Based on the collective bargaining agreement, salaries will increase by 1.5 percent beginning July 1, including longevity payments, step increases and stipends.

New teaching positions needed

According to Sapelli, additional teaching positions are required at the elementary level because of rising student enrollment. He said the addition of three elementary teachers, one special education teacher and one special education paraprofessional will ensure that class sizes remain at an appropriate student/teacher ratio.

"When you're delivering instruction, the number of students you have in front of you is crucial," he said. "Having more than 25 students in front of you at the elementary level is a little too much."

This is the third budget that Sapelli has developed since being named superintendent in late 2011. It's also the third consecutive "level-service" budget that Sapelli has requested and that the committee has approved. A level-service budget maintains educational programs and staff, while a level-funded budget would require budget cuts because many of the services required to operate the school system — from salaries to shipping costs — increase each year.

The FY '15 school budget can be reviewed by the public at the Agawam Public Library, the city clerk's office at Town Hall or on the school website at www.agawampublicschools. org.





Councilors react to arbitrator rulings

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advice of our attorney at the time."

Council President Christopher Johnson said he is disappointed in the way the process was handled because the Agawam City Council was not able to be involved in any way and it was left to the mayor's office. He says the legislation from the gaming commission governed the council's role in the negotiating process.

Johnson, who is an attorney, says he would have approached the agreement process different, including possibly favoring full impact studies that would have been reimbursed by the gaming commission like many of the legal fees that were paid by the state. Johnson said West Springfield was able to show the impact on their community through impact studies conducted in the town.

Cohen on Tuesday said Agawam will have the opportunity to go after some of the \$25 million in mitigation funds when the town has a one-year and five-year look back.

"If the numbers indicate that we are entitled to more money we will certainly go after it," he said.

Cohen also said because Agawam only abuts Springfield by the Connecticut River, he felt it was best to negotiate than gamble with arbitration.

Council approves marijuana ordinance, forms housing committee COUNCIL, from page 1

requirements and placement of a facility that grows or distributes medical marijuana.

"I think that is something that would have to be done by legislation," said Johnson.

He suggested and recommended to Councilor James Cichetti that the matter should be on the agenda of the next Legislative Sub-Committee meeting. Cichetti said the committee can explore whether the town can legally charge licensing fees for medical marijuana facilities to locate in town.

Suffriti and Rossi both questioned whether or not the town can collect real estate and personal property taxes if the medical marijuana facilities are run by non-profit organizations. Johnson said he believes it is possible the town will be able to collect taxes on such properties.

A moratorium was placed on facilities last year and was set to expire next week. The Planning and Community Development department developed an ordinance, which was recommended by Mayor Richard Cohen and the Planning Board.

The ordinance sets particular requirements as to where and how a facility can be placed. The permitting authority will be the Zoning Board of Appeals, though the Planning Board will have to grant site plan approval.

The council also unanimously approved the creation of a Housing Committee. The committee will be an appointed committee in town with several town boards being represented. The committee will be charged with assessing the needs for affordable housing in town.

The housing committee will have five members. One member will be a member of the city council appointed by the council president. The Planning Board and Housing Authority will appoint one member from their boards. The mayor will appoint the other two members. One of those two appointed members is required to have experience in real estate.

The council approved the new committee after two readings without any major discussion.

In other city council news, City Councilor Paul Cavallo said the School Budget Sub-Committee has unanimously endorsed the school department's budget proposal and will recommend it to the full council for approval in June.





Public Safety

FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 65 EMS calls and the following emergency response calls for the week from April 29 to May 5.

On April 29 at 11:45 a.m., the department responded to Cooper Street for brush or brush and grass mixture fire.

On April 29 at 1:25 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for a lockout.

On May 1 at 9:59 a.m., the department responded to Southwick Street for vehicle accident, general cleanup.

On May 1 at 7:52 p.m., the department responded to Beekman Drive for cooking fire, confined to container.

On May 3 at 1:15 p.m., the department responded to Kanawha Avenue for unauthorized burning.

On May 4 at 10:21 a.m., the department responded to Mill

Street for EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury.

On May 4 at 5:13 p.m., the department responded to Clover Hill Drive for carbon monoxide detector activation, no

On May 4 at 8:23 p.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive for outside rubbish, trash or waste fire.

On May 5 at 10:01 a.m., the department responded to South Street for water problem, other.

On May 5 at 10:47 a.m., the department responded to Reed Street, dispatched and cancelled en route.

On May 5 at 11:54 a.m., the department responded to Hall Street for smoke scare, odor of smoke.

On May 5 at 6:30 p.m., the department responded to Cooper Street for smoke scare, odor of smoke.

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 261 calls for service from April 29 to May 5. The department made eight arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Tuesday, April 29

Vladimir Pe Kindzerskiy, 36, of 25 Seymour Ave., Apt. R, Agawam, was arrested on charges of marked lanes violation, operating a motor vehicle with license suspended for operating under the influence, operating under the influence of liquor, and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

Alyssa Orwat, 24, of 77 Walnut St., Agawam, was arrested on a charge of domestic assault and battery.

Wednesday, April 30

Darin Roulston, 18, of 32 Ottawa St., Agawam, was arrested on a charge of domestic assault and battery.

Sunday, May 4

Raymond Aiken, 25, of 185 Windsor St., West Springfield, was arrested on charges of marked lanes violation, speeding, operating under the influence of alcohol, and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

Raymond Allen Simms, 35, of 23 Suffield St., Apt. 2, Agawam, was arrested on a default warrant and charges of improper use of a credit card under \$250 and larceny under \$250 by a single scheme.

Monday, May 5

Joshua Frappier, 18, of 18 Karen Lynn Circle, Feeding Hills, was arrested on a charge of trespassing.

Douglas Arnold, 44, of 35 Walnut St., Agawam, was arrested on a charge of operating under the influence of liquor.

Brandon Eaton, 18, of 20 Sumner Ave., Springfield, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.



YMCA RECEIVES GRANT



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Representatives from the United Way of Pioneer Valley and the YMCA of Greater Spring-field were at Agawam Mayor Richard A. Cohen's office Thursday, May 1, as the United Way presented the YMCA of Greater Springfield with a \$20,000 check for their new Wellness & Program Center in Agawam, which is scheduled to open in June. From left, Cohen; Dora D. Robinson, president and CEO of the United Way of Pioneer Valley; and Kirk R. Smith, president and CEO of the YMCA.

St. Pat's Committee to meet

The Agawam St. Patrick's Committee will hold its annual meeting, Wednesday, May 21, in the Fr. Joyce Room at St. John the Evangelist social center starting at 7 p.m. Because the election of officers and directors will take place, all members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

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'Cool the Earth' program raises student awareness of climate change

AGAWAM – What can Agawam kids do to fight climate change? They can influence their parents, as shown by a pioneering climate change program called "Cool the Earth" running in the Roberta G. Doering School from now until the end of this school year.

On May 2, students at Roberta G. Doering watched a fun, inspiring play starring students and teachers, which explained the concept of climate change. Following the assembly, students were given coupon booklets that encouraged them to take carbon-reducing actions like taking shorter showers, turning off lights in rooms, packing a no-waste lunch and carpooling to school.

Many Roberta G. Doering students and their parents will pledge to take

these energy-saving actions and return the coupons to school where they will be tracked on a banner and traded in for incentive prizes. Through the actions pledged in the "Cool the Earth" program, the Roberta G. Doering school community will save an estimated 600,000 pounds of carbon from being emitted into the atmosphere.

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Former pageant queen mentoring next generation PAGEANT, from page 1 to a personal platform while competing, and

Sweetheart Pageant, where Supernaw says she enjoyed meeting women from across the United States.

Women between the ages of 17 and 24 are eligible to compete in any Miss America-related pageant. Because her birthday is on Dec. 31, Supernaw aged out early by 21 hours, losing an entire year of eligibility. Though she never made it to Miss America, she says that being a titleholder has shaped the woman she has become. After aging out, Supernaw decided to return to the pageant world and she stepped in as the executive director of the Western Massachusetts local preliminary, a task she has taken on with all the stamina and grace of a former contestant.

The Miss Massachusetts competition is a precursor to the Miss America pageant held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and contestants are judged in five areas: personal interview and on-stage questions; poise and grace in an evening gown; lifestyle; talent; and fitness in swimsuit. As the executive director, Supernaw currently manages three contestants, working to prepare girls for all phases of the competition by providing supports such as vocal coaching, wardrobe consulting and conducting mock interviews. She helps the girls develop their talents, which Supernaw says is the most important event of the pageant. When they're not preparing for competition, Supernaw books all the girls' public appearances and acts as their chaperone as contestants are not allowed to appear alone when in crown and sash.

Contestants and titleholders make regular community appearances as well as fundraise for local and national charities. While the girls will make appearances at most any charity that calls upon them, Baystate Children's Hospital in Springfield calls for appearances most often. On a national level, the pageant organization fundraises year-round for the Children's Miracle Network. Each contestant is also required to commit

to a personal platform while competing, and former pageant contestants often attain political positions, work as news anchors or become actors, as well as life-long philanthronists

Managers like Supernaw are also responsible for recruiting new contestants, mainly from the local colleges. Since Miss Massachusetts and Miss America are scholarship pageants, the organization seeks candidates who are talented, are strong public speakers, and who exude confidence and sense of self. Although image and physical condition are a part of the competition, Miss Massachusetts is not all about appearance. "You don't have to be 5'7" and blond with voluptuous curves," Supernaw says. "There is no beauty queen package. We are all different."

Active in high school and college sports, Supernaw is only 5'3" and weighs in at 100 pounds. While the pageant world is often the target of body image debates, she is adamant that the Miss America competitions encourage a healthy lifestyle, separate from size or shape, as long as the girls are eating healthy and exercising. "The swimsuit competition isn't (just) swimsuits – it's lifestyle fitness," she said.

In general, the overall image of Miss America has changed and become more modern, both in terms of fashion and in the candidates who are chosen. Recently, Sgt. Theresa Vail became the first Miss America contestant not only to show tattoos, but to compete as an active member of the military. Nicole Kelly, who was crowned Miss Iowa in 2013, was the first contestant with one arm to get a shot at the Miss America title. The reigning Miss America, Nina Davuluri, paid tribute to her Indian roots when she performed a traditional Bollywood dance for her talent. Supernaw feels that the pageant has become much more relatable, looking more for the "real girl next door" - women who represent diversity and individuality. "These are real intellectual, talented women," Supernaw said.

Though she misses competing, Supernaw says that managing her girls still gives her the chance to network and be a part of the action. "I want the girls to have the same experience as me."

Supernaw feels that having a former competitor as a business manager gives her girls an edge. "I know what they need and I know what they want. I have an edge on current fashion and can coach them in all stages of competition because I have done it." She even gets to accompany her girls to photo shoots with Peter Camyre, the official photographer for the Western Massachusetts contestants and titleholders.

Supernaw is also the mastermind behind the Western Massachusetts portion of the pageant; part of her responsibilities include fundraising, finding sponsors and organizing the pageant event, which she accomplishes on her own as one of the few local preliminaries that operates without a board of directors.

Because attracting sponsors is imperative to the success of the pageant, she is passionate about supporting local businesses as well as local talent. In 2013, Supernaw had a dress custom made by Northampton-based designer Nellie Theroux, who is the owner of Peaceful Fashions. She says that she reconnected with Nellie, a former classmate, when she helped the eco-conscious designer stage a fashion show to debut her designs, which are created with zero fabric waste.

As she continues in her role as executive director, Supernaw says she is excited about what the future holds, looking forward to another pageant season. "There are a lot of little events that do happen, and I'm usually a part of them because of being so out there in the area," she said.

Kimmy Supernaw is an early childhood educator and coaches cheerleading at Smith College. For more information or to become a Miss Massachusetts sponsor, contact her at misswesternmass@gmail.com.



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A pageant dress custom-made for
Agawam resident Kimmy Supernaw by Northampton-based de-

signer Nellie Theroux.



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Seniors: Please bring in to Mrs. Ledger in Guidance a stamped white envelope addressed to the college you are attending in September so that your final transcript can be mailed out. Make sure to put your name in the top left hand side. If no envelope is received, the transcript will not go out.

Sophomore Interview Month at Siena College: Siena College is inviting high school sophomores to campus for their first college interview. Sophomore interviews will be conducted Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. throughout the month of May. Appointments may be made online

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Summer Legal Institute: This is a free five-day legal immersion program located at Western New England University School of Law from July 7-11. Students who participate will study the legal system and how it works alongside attorney and judge volunteers, analyze selected cases, debate legal issues and participate in both a mock trial and an oral argument, learn what it takes to become a lawyer and observe the action at law firms and courthouses, develop contacts with legal professionals and organizations and gain insight into the college admissions process. Enrollment is limited to 50 students. Students must apply online at http://jtbf.org/ index.php?submenu=SpringfieldMA&src=g endocs&ref=MassachusettsMassMutualSLI &category=Summer_Legal_Institute.

ACT's: June 14 (sign up by May 9). SAT's: June 7 (sign up by May 9).

Scholarships: See your counselor for more information or an application.

Local Scholarships: Check out the AHS Counseling website for a link.

Agawam Senior Center

Weekly calendar of events

Monday, May 12: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., Line Dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., Bingo; 3 p.m., Theater Group Practice; 4 p.m., Tap Class; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Tuesday, May 13: 9 a.m., Exercise, Knitting, Sewing; 10 a.m., PACE; 11:30 a.m., Monthly Birthday Celebration; 12:30 p.m., Ladies Billiards, Mah Jongg, Movie ("Philomena"); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 2:30 p.m., Chorus; 4:30 p.m., Yoga; 6 p.m., Beginner Line Dance; 6:30 p.m., Evening Sewing Class.

Wednesday, May 14: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble, Ballroom Lessons; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 1 Meeting.

Thursday, May 15: Foot Nurses Available (by appt.); 9 a.m., Exercise; 9:30 a.m., Quilting; 10 a.m., Line Dancing; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Pitch, Open Art Class; 2 p.m., Melody Band Practice; 6:30 p.m., Pitch.

Friday, May 16: 8 a.m., Yoga; 9:15 a.m., All Media Art Class; 10 a.m., Tai Chi; Noon, Canasta; 1 p.m., Pitch, Cribbage; 1-3 p.m., Spring Dance with Music by the Melody Band and Refreshments (\$5); 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Lunch menu

Monday, May 12: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, oranges.

Tuesday, May 13: Chef salad (turkey, ham, cheese, egg, tomato, cucumbers), garlic stick, birthday cake.

Wednesday, May 14: Creamy corn chowder soup, ham salad sandwich, cucumber dill salad, pears.

Thursday, May 15: Chicken marsala, mashed potatoes, corn, pudding.

Friday, May 16: Broccoli quiche, Tater Tots, three-bean salad, mixed fruit.

Notes from the Music Room

By Darcy Davis

This will be my final article on the Agawam Senior Center Music Room for a while. I am trying to find the time to get the museum in some rooms at the old senior center opened for the summer.

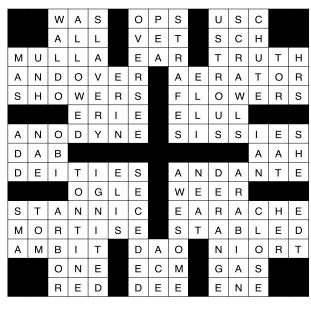
We have a number of people working on this project and though they do not make the workload light, they get it done. We will be publishing a chart of the organization, and this project would not be nearing completion without

all of them. It has been pleasant when some-

one would comment on past "Notes" articles, and I will try to keep you informed on this newest project, but not every week.

Senior living open house

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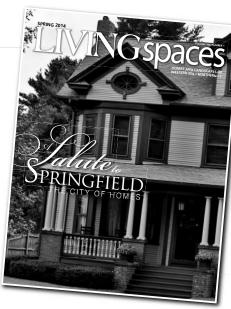






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In the Classroom

ART STUDENTS COMPETE



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Agawam High School Art Students (from left) Angelina Melloni, Kristina Mozolevskaya, Taylor Hartmann, Tori Schartz and Christine Nagel participated in the Richard E. Neal Congressional State Art Competition held this year.



Agawam Schools' weekly lunch menu

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

The Agawam High School lunch menu is posted on the school's website.

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, May 12: Popcorn chicken bites with dipping sauce, steamed rice, three-bean salad, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, May 13: Yogurt, whole-wheat grilled cheese, whole-grain Goldfish crackers, steamed peas, fresh and chilled fruit.

Wednesday, May 14: Deli ham on wholewheat bread with cheese, baked pretzels, fresh baby carrots, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, May 15: Ultra grain stuffed crust cheese pizza, salad w/lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

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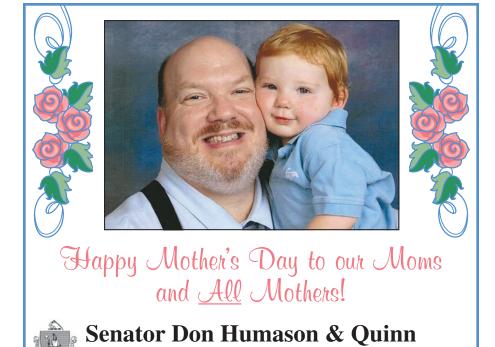
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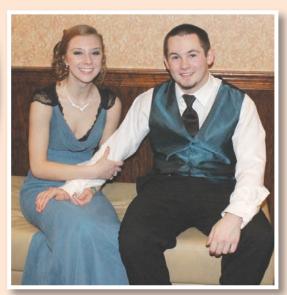


Samantha Saracino and Jonathan Latourelle.

Students at Agawam High

School celebrated their annual

junior/senior program last Friday



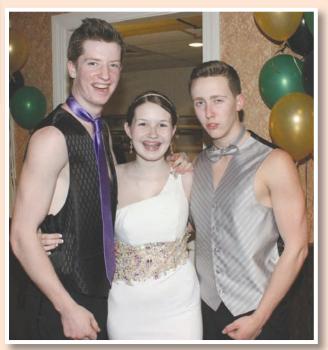
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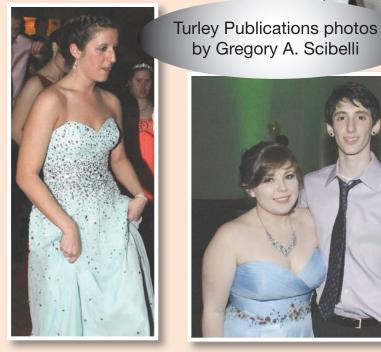
Emily Potter and Samuel Castillo.



Nick Destefano and **Danielle Stratton.**



Ben Cassidy, Cassidy Milliken, and Aidan Pender.



Kimberly McCarthy dances her night away.



by Gregory A. Scibelli

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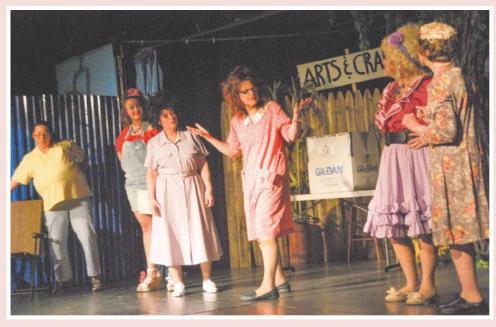
Chris Ortega dances with Samantha Henry.

Keeping the 'Faith'...

The Red Door Theatre of Feeding Hills held its presentation of "Faith County," a play by Mark Landon Smith, last weekend. The down-home country comedy revolves around the colorful characters, wild hairstyles and competitive arts and crafts competition that dominate an annual county fair.



From the left, Stephanie Hoag as Faye McFaye, Margie Secora as Mildred Hayworth Carson, and Marilene Allen as Naomi Farkle.



From the left, Sarah Lynn Holbrook as Violet Farkle, Stephanie Hoag as Faye McFaye, Margie Secora as Mildred Hayworth Carson, Mary Beth Riberdy as Gladys Pimbleton, Marilene Allen as Naomi Farkle and Nancy Klueh as Ruthann Barns.



Marilene Allen as Naomi Farkle and Randy Michon as Luther Carson.



Stephanie Hoag as Faye McFaye and Mary Beth Riberdy as Gladys Pimbleton.



Margie Secora as Mildred Hayworth Carson and Sarah Lynn Holbrook as Violet Farkle.





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Wheeler leads Agawam back to postseason

Punch ticket with shutout victory

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam softball qualified for the Western Massachusetts Division 1 Tournament with their 10th victory of the season.

The Brownies scored a 2-0 shutout of Belchertown, a team that has been making a lot of noise in the Division 2 and 3 leagues.

The Orioles had the offensive momentum going into the independent matchup. But then the Orioles met sophomore standout Ali Wheeler.

Wheeler had another brilliant performance last Thursday afternoon, scoring a three-hitter and riding a pair of runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to victory.

Wheeler did an excellent job keeping the Orioles off the basepaths. She allowed a total of five baserunners, with one walk and an error allowing runners to reach. One of the hits came against hard-hitting Mackenzie Yelle. She was limited to just a single in the game. Erin Reed-Coates and Tea Spellacy had the other hits for the Orioles.

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Left: Agawam pitcher Allison Wheeler (3) winds up to make a delivery to home plate.

Above: Agawam infielder Danielle Stratton (19) fields a grounder in on the grass.

Right: Agawam first baseman Rebecca Ushmann (22) prepares to snap a throw across the diamond.



Lady Brownies come through in second half

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – It was not until the second half that the Agawam girls lacrosse team was able to take control, but their found their defense and pulled away with an 18-10 victory over Ellington High School in Connecticut on Monday

It is very rare for Agawam to play in a regular season game against a team from Connecticut, but the Brownies girls lacrosse team has played them in the past.

"We used to play games against South Windsor, but there was a change there," said coach Carla Warner. "But Ellington was looking to strengthen their program and we had a need for an 18th game on our schedule."

Warner said she welcomed the challenge from a team in Connecticut.

Ellington gave Agawam a lot to handle in the first half as they nipped away at the Brownies for several minutes before the Brownies took a three-goal lead with about 5:00 remaining in the first half.

When it was halftime, Agawam had 12 goals, a normally good total. But Ellington trailed by just three at 12-9.

In the second half, Agawam



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Katie Martin fights for the loose ball.

made some adjustment and also fared better on faceoffs as they outscored the Knights 6-1 in the second half to pick up the victory.

Agawam scored the first two goals of the game, tallying twice in the third minute of the game on goals from Alexis Vecchiarelli and Katie Martin.

Ellington would come back with a goal about a minute later to close the gap. They would then tie the score about a minute later to make it 2-2.

With 17:06 remaining, Vec-See LACROSSE, page 16

Walles takes home Passerini Award

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – After a knee injury basically cancelled the 2012-2013 hockey season for Chris Walles, he was determined to prove he was healthy his senior year.

Walles not only excelled on the football field in the fall, but emerged as a team leader and the starting goalie for Agawam's inaugural season as a part of both Division 3 and the very difficult Berry Division. Walles started in 16 of Agawam's 18 regular season games and also played in both of their playoff games. Agawam was the runner up in the Western Massachusetts Division 3 Tournament.

Recently, Walles added to his accolades when he was given the Harold Passerini Award recently.

Walles had his first opportunity to start this year. He posted a .948 save percentage this year, and had four shutout for the Brownies. Agawam played to a 14-2-2 regular season record.

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Agawam shuts down Golden Eagles

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – Agawam is heading back to the tournament to defense their Western Massachusetts Division 1 Championship at the end of the month.

Agawam picked up their 11th victory of the season on Monday evening at Central as they shutout the Golden Eagles, 3-0, marking their fourth straight victory by that

The Brownies are starting to show how hungry they are as they prepare not only to seek another sectional championship, but their second straight state championship.

Agawam is now 11-2 this season. Their only two losses this season came because of the accidental use of an ineligible player. In both of those games, Agawam had one, which would have made them a perfect 13-0.

However, in Agawam's 11 counted victories this year, the Brownies have 33 games, and lost just twice. One of those lost games was against East Longmeadow at the beginning the season. The other was against rival Chicopee Comp on April 23. The Brownies

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Turley Publications photo by David Henry sweetdogphotos.com Agawam infielder Jessica Lingenberg (27) looks to release a sidearm throw to first.

Agawam lacked the big hit at times in the game, but got to pitcher Margaret Dull more often as they had eight hits in the game.

Agawam would finally break through in the bottom of the fifth inning Danielle Stratton reached base on the second of her two hits in the game. She would eventually come around to score on a base hit by Taylor Marcotte.

Marcotte also had two hits and would come around to score the second run of the game on a base hit by freshman designated hitter Maria Moccio.

Wheeler stayed in control and completed the sixth and seventh innings. She finished with three strikeouts and aside from an error that did not come back to hurt, Agawam's defense did an excellent job getting the other 18 outs.

Dull allowed two runs on eight hits and walked one. She struck out one. Katie Grasso, Rachel Lapponese, and Wheeler herself had hits for the Brownies.

Last Tuesday afternoon, the Brownies scored a defeat at Chicopee Comp.

The game was called after six innings due the mercy rule. Agawam got to Comp for seven runs in the top of the sixth inning, and the Brownies were able to close it out in the bottom of the inning to end the game.

Becca Uschman, the Brownies first baseman, had a huge game going 3-for-4 and driving in two runs. She also scored once.

Marcotte went 3-for-3 with a triple and two runs scored. Moccio, Jess Lingenberg and Grasso had two hits. Moccio drove in two runs and Mary Kate Reidy had an RBI.

Wheeler went six innings and allowed one hit. She struck out four and walked two.

Agawam is 10-2 and will next play Friday, hosting Northampton at 4 p.m.

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have not lost a game since then.

On Monday, the Brownies scored two easy victories over the Golden Eagles. Agawam won the first two games 25-14. Central gave Agawam a bit of a challenge in the third game, but the Brownies prevailed 25-23.

Agawam got an excellent game from Zach Goggin. He excelled all over the floor. He had seven kills, five digs and 18 assists in the game. Goggin has been a consistent setter for the Brownies when he is on the front line.

Ben Cassidy also contributed for the Brownies with seven kills and 14 assists. Wade Robidoux had 11 kills and Jeff LeClerc added four.

Last Thursday evening, the Brownies scored an easy shutout of the once-competitive Ludlow Lions.

Ludlow had a huge resurgence last season when they made it all the way into the tournament with 14 wins. They were not able to beat Agawam, but they competed well against all the best teams in Western Massachusetts.

Ludlow is having a respectable season this year, but far from the dominance they had last year.

Agawam scored three straight wins 25-14, 25-15, 25-15. Goggin had another great game for the Brownies. He had 20 assists, four kills, and six digs.

Bailey Cecchi got in on the action with nine kills and Cassidy had five kills. Robidoux led the team with 10 kills One the serving line, Goggin led the Brownies with three aces.

The Brownies will hope to keep their upward momentum going as they have their second matchup of the season against Chicopee Comp on Friday at 6 p.m. at Agawam.





AT THE TRACK

CHICOPEE - The Agawam and Chicopee Comp boys and girls track and field teams competed in a meet that finished under the lights on Thursday, May 1.



Agawam's Cassie Ayre stretches out as she clears the high bar.

Agawam's Kristin Brouillette sees the shot put come off her fingertips.



Agawam's Alli Little goes up and over the bar on the high jump.



Agawam's Sabastian Sarno turns and releases the discus.

COLLEGE NOTES

Grassetti named to MASCAC Women's Lacrosse All-Conference Team

WORCESTER - Worcester State junior defender and Feeding Hills resident Angela Grassetti was named to the 2014 MASCAC Women's Lacrosse All-Conference First Team.

Grassetti was also named to the Weekly Honor Roll.

She netted two goals while adding four ground balls and four draws in a 1-1 week for the Lancers. Helped anchor the defense that limited Westfield State in a 12-9 victory in the MASCAC Semifinals.

Wheeler receives CCC All-Conference honor

DUDLEY - Nichols junior and Agawam resident Kevin Wheeler was named to the Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) All-Conference Team.

A CCC First Team selection, Wheeler played 22 round this season and averaged a 79. He completed the CCC Qualifier this past fall tied for 10th after shooting a 79, but rebounded to finished tied for second (+5) at the CCC Invitational last weekend at Franconia Golf Course. Wheeler also finished tied for fourth at the Rich Korzec Memorial Invite on April 15.



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Casagrande tournament set for summer

LUDLOW - The 13th annual Lou Casagrande Baseball Tournament will take place July 28-Aug. 3.

The cost is \$275 per team.

There are three guaranteed games in the 8-10, 10-12 or 12-14 age divisions.

Send check and registration to: Ludlow Baseball Association c/o Bob Bohl, 50 Elaine Dr., Ludlow, MA 01056.

For more information, contact tournament director Bob Bohl at 413-348-5752 or send an email to bohl58@charter.net.

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CRONIN NAMED TITANS AOW



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WILBRAHAM - Katie Cronin, of Feeding Hills, was named Athlete of the Week at Wilbraham & Monson Academy for the week of April 21-27. In losses to Miss Porter's School and Worcester Academy, Cronin continued to excel on defense in her first season of varsity lacrosse. She scored twice and controlled eight groundballs, and regularly was the key player in the team's transition game.

SPORTS CALENDAR

Agawam Bowmen to hold 3-D Mother's Day shoot

AGAWAM - The Agawam Bowmen Club will hold their second of four 3-D archery shoots on Mother's Day, May 11, from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m., 309 Feeding Hills Road, Southwick.

Food and drink will be available.

The public is welcome to shoot or check out the club.

There is a \$10 fee to shoot.

Future shoot dates are Aug. 17 and Sept. 28. For more information, call 413-569-1963.

'EvvGirl' event to benefit Baystate Children's NICU

AGAWAM - The Second Annual EvvGirl Red Sox Bus Trip versus Tampa Bay is scheduled for Saturday, May 31.

The bus will leave Agawam High School at 3:30 p.m. for the 7:15 p.m. game.

Cost is \$100 per person, which includes the game ticket and bus ride.

Proceeds from the event will be used to purchase webcams for Baystate Children's NICU.

For tickets, contact Todd Bard at 413-883-2031.

Youth Fishing Day set for June 1

AGAWAM – The West Springfield Fish and Game Club, 329 Garden St., Feeding Hills, will host the third Annual Bob "Who" Rennell Memorial Agawam Youth Fishing Day, Sunday, June 1 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Open to all Agawam youth 16 and under as well as club members and their children, no fishing license is required for this event. Food and beverages will be available and there will be free raffles for the kids. Bait will be offered free of the charge at the clubbouse

Parks & Rec hosting Red Sox trips

AGAWAM - The Agawam Parks & Recreation Department is running two trips to Fenway this summer.

Registration has begun and will be taken on a first come first serve basis.

For more information on these trips please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 413-821-0513.

Boston Red Sox versus Chicago Cubs, Monday, June 30, Pavilion Box - Section 13. Cost is \$143 per person

Boston Red Sox versus Houston Astros, Friday, Aug. 15, Section 26. Cost is \$104 per person.

The bus will leave from the Agawam High School three hours before game time.

Sacred Heart still looking for softball players

AGAWAM - Sacred Heart Athletic Association softball leagues are still excepting signups for the following age groups.

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U-14 NEYSA team, U-12 NEYSA team,

Coach pitch league grades third, second and first.

The cost for instructional coach pitch softball (first, second and third grades) is \$75 and NEYSA is \$100.

Contact George at 374-2283 for more information or to register.

Crestview Ladies League open to the public

AGAWAM - Crestview Country Club's ParTee Ladies Golf League is preparing for another season of golf and is open to all women golfers, from the competitive to the "just for fun" golfer.

There are a limited number of spots left. Cost is \$70 to join, which includes weekly prizes, special events and a final banquet, also with prizes and year-end gifts.

For more information, contact Kay Soja by phone at 413-789-7901 or e-mail sojaca-therine54@comcast.net.

Owls to hold football clinic

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State University football program is hosting a clinic for players ages 13-18 on Aug. 6-8 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Alumni Field.

The Westfield State coaching staff and current college players will provide instruction. The focus of the clinic will be on offensive and defensive fundamentals.

The cost is \$50 per day or \$120 for all three days. There is a \$10 daily discount for registering before May 23.

Contact Westfield State assistant football coach Vijay Saxena at vsaxena@westfield. ma.edu or 413-572-5420, for additional information or questions.

Basketball camp at Westfield State

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State University basketball camp for boys and girls ages 7 to 15 years old will be held July 7-11.

Contact women's basketball head coach Andrea Bertini at 413-572-8105 or abertini@westfield.ma.edu for questions and additional information.

Rugby players wanted

SPRINGFIELD - Athletes wanted to learn the sport of rugby for men's, women's and high school divisions.

Springfield Rugby Football Club, founded in 1969, has fielded a men's club to the sport of rugby. Springfield RFC is one of the country's oldest clubs with a strong reputation within the New England Rugby Football Union (NERFU). The club is registered with NERFU, MYRO and USA RUGBY.

In 2007, the club expanded membership to include women's and High School (u19) boys and girls programs; adding the Rusty Muskets in 2010. The interest continues to grow for rugby and the club. Springfield RFC web site is www.springfieldrugbyclub.



Alexis Vecchiarelli looks for an open teammate behind the goal.

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chiarelli fed a pass to Gianna Signorelli for a score to make it 3-2. About 3:00 later Hailey Kozlak scored to make it 4-2 Agawam.

Ellington stayed close with a goal at the 13-minute mark to make it 4-3. Agawam added a goal with 10:55 left only for the Knights to score 10 seconds later, attacking the Agawam goal just after the faceoff.

The Brownies would go on to score four goals in three-minute period and went up 11-8

Agawam did get a very balanced attack in the game as they got scores from nine different players. Martin led the way for Agawam with four goals and one assist. Kozlak scored three times, and Signorelli, Vecchiarelli, Kelly Theriault, and Julie Serra all scored twice.

Vecchiarelli and Serra each had three assists.

Gabby Lescarbeau played very well in the second half, and finished with a victory and 20 saves for Agawam.

The game against Ellington does count in their regular season seeding for the tournament because Ellington is a public school, Warner said. The Brownies are now 6-4 this season and will next play Friday at home against West Springfield at 4 p.m.

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Julie Serra makes her run down the field.

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Coach Rich Feeley praised Walles leadership by example.

"More importantly for me, he was a great role model and mentor for the kids on the team and a good ambassador for our program in the community," Feeley said. "He was actively involved in several of the volunteer activities we were able to support, including Toys for Tots, Wreaths Across America and also the Sled Hockey Program run out of Amelia Park."

Feeley praised Walles for his support in last year's state championship run in Division 3A, where Agawam emerged as one of the new top tier teams in the state.

If healthy, Walles would have been in a platoon situation last year with senior goalie Anthony Ascioti. However, his knee injury kept him off the ice. But his determination kept him a part of the team most of last season

When Ascioti suffered a concussion and were in need of an emergency starting goal-

ie, Walles stepped up.

He was given permission by his doctor to play for the one game. Walles was set for knee surgery just a few days later. He went out and gave the performance of his life as Agawam tied the Division 3 states champions from that year Westfield 2-2.

"He stepped up even though he had an injury and gave us a huge start," said Feeley.

That game allowed Ascioti to recover and the Brownies pressed on to win the IIIA state title. When that time came to play in the state championship game, Walles was about four weeks removed from surgery, and was available to play if needed.

Walles received the Passerini Award, which is given to a hockey player that exemplifies not only great hockey play, but academy and community service attributes.

Walles is an excellent student who takes advanced placement courses. He will attend Worcester State University in the fall and will play football.



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Flack, Joseph E. Died April 8, 2014 Memorial Service May 3, 2014 Forastiere Smith Funeral Home East Longmeadow

Gomes, Catherine E. Died April 26, 2014 Funeral May 2, 2014 Agawam Curran-Jones **Funeral Home**



Heim, Irene B. Died May 2, 2014 Memorial Service May 17, 2014 West Springfield Curran Jones Funeral Home

Martindale, Ingeborg B. Died April 26, 2014 Funeral May 6, 2014 Williamsburg Funeral

Orne, Virginia M. Died April 27, 2014 Funeral May 3, 2014 Southwick Forastiere Family Funeral and Cremation

Petrangelo, Aurelia R. Died May 3, 2014 Funeral May 6, 2014 Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home Agawam

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News, upcoming events at **Agawam Congregational**

The public is invited to attend the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., "a place to call home – a people to call family." Sunday service is at 10 a.m. with fellowship and coffee hour following.

Playgroup meets Thursdays from 9:30-11 a.m. and is open to the public. The schedule follows the Agawam Public Schools calendar for holidays and vacations.

Sunday, May 11, is the celebration of Mother's Day followed by church school and coffee hour. Youth raffle tickets will be sold and the drawing will be held.

Men's Ministry meets Saturday, May 17, at 7:30 a.m. at Bobby J'z in Agawam. A tag sale will be held at 20 Monroe St. from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The May 18 10 a.m. worship will include the welcoming of new members, church school and coffee hour.

Loaves and Fishes will meet May 19 at 4 p.m. at the church.

Sunday, May 25, is Memorial Day Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. with no church school or coffee hours.

Newsletter collation will take place Wednesday, May 28, at 9 a.m.

Pastor Tom Howells is always available for prayer after the service. Newcomers are welcome and members of the community are invited to participate in all church events. For more information, call the church office at 786-7111. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until noon.

Renowned ministers to speak at Bethany

Bethany Assembly of God, located at 580 Main St., Agawam, invites the public to join special ministry guests Rev. Rudi and Sharon Swanepoel, formerly of South Africa, Wednesday, May 14, and Friday, May 16, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, May 17, at 6 p.m.; and Sunday, May 18, at 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m., and 6 p.m.

Born and raised in South Africa, Rudi joined the ministry in August 1987. He met Sharon in 1989 while completing his three-year seminary training at the Auckland Swanepoel Park Theological Seminary.

He served as senior associate pastor of one of the leading churches in South Africa.



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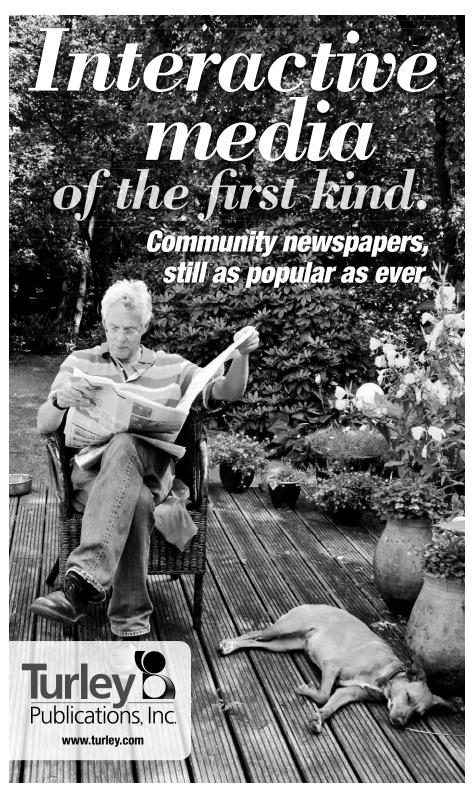
Rudi is a noted author and inspirational and motivational speaker. He is also an international lecturer, teaching in seminaries and colleges around the world, as well as a sought-after speaker at leadership development and training meetings.

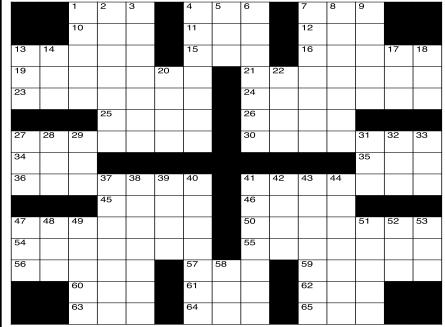
Sharon is also a native South African. She is a seasoned minister of the Gospel and has been a keynote speaker at various conferences and leadership training events both in the U.S. and abroad. She was a crusade singer with Reinhard Bonnke in Kafanchan, Nige-

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GRAND OPENING

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A grand opening celebration was held last week at Annie Lou's Bungalow Chic located at 347 North Westfield St. in Feeding Hills. From left, Diamond Demottio, Ted Cassell, Arnold Cusano, Judy Cusano, state Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, Mayor Richard A. Cohen, Kelsey Lozada, Dianna Robinson and Susan Giles.



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Docket No. HD14P0841GD
In the interests of
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Minor
NOTICE AND ORDER:
Petition for Appointment
of Guardian of a Minor
NOTICE TO ALL

1. **Hearing Date/Time**: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 04/25/2014 by **Frank Bond, Jr.** of Feeding Hills, MA will be held 05/28/2014 01:15 p.m. Guardianship of Minor Hearing Located Probate & Family Court Dept., 50 State Street, 4th Floor, Springfield, MA 01103.

INTERESTED PARTIES

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File the original with the Court; and

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3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court sfinds that it is not in the minor's best interests. Date: April 25, 2014

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The Mayor will ordinarily make an award or reject all bids received on this bid following the opening of this bid, but may, at his discretion, postpone such action for two weeks, from the date of the opening of the bid, or with the consent of all bidders, to such later time as may be agreed.

The contract will be awarded to the responsible and responsive bidder who offers the lowest price.

The Town of Agawam reserves the right: (1) to award bids received on the basis of individual items, or groups of items, or on the entire list of items (2) to reject any or all bids, or any part thereof; (3) to waive any informality in the bids; and (4) to accept the bid that is in the best interest of the Town. The Purchasing Agent's (Mayor's) decision shall be final.

The Town of Agawam reserves the right to reject any bid in whole or in any part, and to accept any bid or any item of any bid if deemed in the best interest of the Town.

All bids for this project are subject to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Sections 44A to 44H, inclusive as

Richard A. Cohen, Mayor 5/8/14

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD14P0835PM In the matter of: Barbara Elliott Of: Agawam, MA

RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/
Minor)
CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF PETITION

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO

G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 & 5-405

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Michelle Garrity of Agawam, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Barbara Elliott is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Jonathan J Davey of Quincy, MA (or some other suitable person be appointed as Conservator to serve With Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 05/23/2014. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds

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of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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Witness, Hon. Anne M
Geoffrion, First Justice of
this Court.

Date: April 25, 2014

Suzanne T Seguin

Register of Probate

Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-8600
Docket No. HD14P0911EA
Estate of:

Docket No. HD14P0911EA
Estate of:
Dennis Michael Michaud
Also Known As:
Dennis M. Michaud
Date of Death:
January 2, 2014
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Heather J Michaud** of Ridgefield CT, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Heather J Michaud of Ridgefield CT has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from

the Petitioner. 5/8/14

Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and
Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD14P0880EA
Estate of: Donna M Quick
Date of Death: 02/22/2014
CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL
ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by: Andrea L Hogan of Springfield MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

And also requesting that: **Andrea L Hogan** of Springfield MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 05/29/2014.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you

to you. The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Anne M Geoffrion, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 01, 2014

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts **The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court** 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD14P0753EA Estate of: Patricia A Wingard Date of Death: 02/21/2014 CITATION ON PETITION FOR **FORMAL** ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by: Richard H Wingard of Glastonbury CT and Kim W Modlish of Westfield, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

And also requesting that: Richard H Wingard of Glastonbury CT and Kim W Modlish of Westfield, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 05/27/2014.

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The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Anne M Geoffrion, First Justice of this Court.

Date: April 29, 2014

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5/8/14

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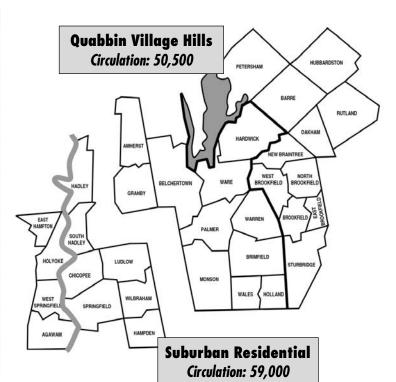


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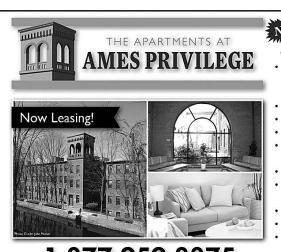
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Saturday, May 10

A FREE "WALKIN' THE WATER-SHED" Wild & Scenic Westfield workshop is scheduled. Participants will meet at Buckly Dunton Lake in Becket at 9 a.m. Join Meredyth Babcock to learn how to conduct a visual survey that helps protect and enhance the watershed. Call (413) 623-2070 to sign up for the training. For more information, visit www.westfieldriverwildscenic.org.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO THE HOLYOKE MERRY-GO-ROUND and after taking a ride on the carousel, kids can stop by the activity table and color a picture or make a card for mom in honor of Mother's Day. For more information, call (413) 538-9838 or visit www.holyokemerrygoround. org.

EXPERIENCE MUSIC AT UNITED will present a showing of the silent movie "It," starring Clara Bow with pipe organ accompanist Peter Edwin Krasinski in the main sanctuary of United Congregational Church of Holyoke (corner of Appleton and Maple streets). Suggested donation is \$10; \$5 for students and seniors. For more information, visit www.uccholyoke.org.

Sunday, May 11

A FREE BREAKFAST ON THE LAWN is offered every Sunday at 9 a.m. at Hope Community Church located at 152 South Westfield St., Feeding Hills. Everyone is welcome on the "hill" for a good breakfast and good fellowship. For more information, call (413) 786-2445 or email office@hope-churchagawam.org.

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS will host a "mini tour" at 1 p.m., led by Arch Battista, Wood Museum of Springfield History, highlighting "Aviation Assets." The tour is free with museum admission and secure, free on-site parking is available.

ALL MOMS AND GRANDMAS will be treated to a free ride at the Holyoke Merry-Go-Round when accompanied by a paying child. For more information, call (413) 538-9838 or visit www.holyokemerrygoround. org.

Tuesday, May 13

THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL will meet at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. The meeting is open to the public. If you have an interest in providing diverse cultural events for the town, a great opportunity exists with the ACC. This all-volunteer organization is looking for new members.

THE AGAWAM KNIGHTS OF CO-LUMBUS will host a blood drive for Mercy Medical Center from 2-6 p.m. at St. John's Church, 833 Main St., Agawam. For more information, call 786-3091.

THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER will host a free movie ("Philomena") at 12:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library. No registration needed.

Wednesday, May 14

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam, offers an

all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner at a cost of \$7 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

A PERFORMANCE OF "MABEL AND JERRY," a comedy in one act by Steve Henderson, will be held at 2 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. Jerry and Mabel are people with a lust for life, determined to find excitement, humor and love any way they can. This program, supported in part by the Agawam Cultural Council, is open to the public. For more information, call (413) 821-0405.

HERITAGE WOODS ASSISTED LIV-ING has partnered with Designer's Edge Salon & Spa and Simply Devine Beauty Lounge to offer an evening of free pampering from 3:30-7:30 p.m. at Heritage Woods, 462 Main St., Agawam. Celebrate Mother's Day by enjoying a chair massage and getting your hair, makeup or nails done. Space is limited. To book an appointment, call (413) 789-8332.

Thursday, May 15

THE AGAWAM K OF C will host its second Annual Post Mother's Day Pasta Dinner from 4-7 p.m. at St. John's Parish Center. Tickets are \$6 per person, \$3 for children 5 to 12 and free for children under 5. For more information, call Bill Tessicini at (413) 789-0540 or Mike Messier at (413) 883-6846.

THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH FAMILY PLAYGROUP, which takes place at the church at 745 Main St., Agawam, is open to children birth through age 5 with a parent or caregiver and meets weekly on Thursdays from 9:30-11 a.m. It includes crafts, stories, songs, free play and more. For more information, call 786-7111 or email jbrownacc@verizon.net.

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "How to Buy Fine Art Without a Spare Million in Pocket Change" featuring Leonard D. De-Maio, fine art advisor and collector, at 12:15 p.m. in the Museum of Fine Arts, at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

UPCOMING AND ONGOING

THE ANNUAL PLANT SALE OF THE AGAWAM GARDEN CLUB will be held Saturday, May 17, from 9 a.m. to noon in the parking lot of Sacred Heart Church, 1103 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, rain or shine. Hundreds of perennials and some annual plants will be available, with prices ranging from \$2 to \$4 depending on the size and rarity.

A CHICKEN DINNER will be held at the First Baptist Church, located at 760 Main St., Agawam, Saturday, May 17, at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$4 for children 6 to 12, and free for children 5 and under. Reservations, which are required by Wednesday, May 14, may be made by calling Lynda at 786-1993 or the church at 786-7300.

A FREE BIRDWALK will be held Saturday, May 17, from 7-10 a.m. at the Notch Visitor Center, Mt. Holyoke Range State Park, 1500 West St. (Route 116), Amherst. It is sponsored by the Friends of the Mt. Holyoke Range. For more information, call (413) 253-6443.

THE NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY MUSIC CENTER will take to the streets for a day of public performances and festivities Saturday, May 17, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The downtown area will be filled with musicians of all ages playing a wide variety of instruments and musical styles. Free and open to the public. All ages welcome.

THE PASCOMMUCK CONSERVATION TRUST will hold its annual Spring Plant Sale Saturday, May 17, from 8 a.m. to noon in the parking lot of the Big E Foodland in Easthampton. Plants for sale will include perennials, ornamental grasses, trees, shrubs and more. Plant donations will be accepted at 8 a.m.

THE 35TH ANNUAL LONG MED-DOWE DAYS will take place Saturday, May 17, and Sunday, May 18, on the Town Green in Longmeadow. There will be food, music, continuous entertainment and a parade along with some of the best artists and crafters in all of New England. The parade will begin Saturday at 9:30 a.m. For more information, visit LongMeddoweDays.org and LongmeadowHistoricalSociety.org.

A CRAFT FAIR, PLANT AND BAKE SALE will take place on the green at the First Congregational Church "on the rotary" in East Longmeadow on Saturday, May 17, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. In the event of rain it will be held inside.

AUTHOR BENJAMIN BOONE will visit the Agawam Public Library to present his book, "Minority of Mind," Monday, May 19, at 7 p.m. Books will be available for purchase and signing at these events. Call the library at 789-1550, ext. 4, or register online at www.agawamlibrary.org.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will hold a blood drive Friday, May 23, from noon to 6 p.m., at the Agawam Fire Department, 800 Main St. Donors have the chance to win two Boston Red Sox tickets and to be honored at Fenway Park as the "Blood Donor of the Game!" To make an appointment, call (800) 733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org.

FITNESS FIRST HEALTH & FITNESS CENTER, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, will host a blood drive sponsored by Mercy Medical Center, Friday, May 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A driver's license with photo or state identification with photo is required. All donors should eat at least two to three hours prior to donating, weigh at least 110 pounds and must be 18 years or older. To make an appointment, call (413) 786-1460.

A CELEBRATION OF MUSIC – THE BAND A THON will take place Saturday, May 24, from noon to 6 p.m. at the Polish American Club located at 139 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, and will feature current Agawam music and band students from elementary level to the award-winning AHS Wind Ensemble and Symphony Band. For tickets, contact Jodi Algerston at (413) 386-5291 or msjodia@aol.com. For more information, visit agawambandathon.tumblr.

ADULT DROP-IN YOGA is offered at the Agawam Public Library Tuesday, May 27, at 7 p.m. It is a beginner's class and open to adults 18 and over. Bring a yoga mat or blanket. No registration needed.

THE SIXTH ANNUAL "LACE 'EM UP FOR LEXI" 5K RUN/WALK will be held Saturday, May 31, at the Agawam Junior High School in memory of Lexi Jagodowski to benefit Griffin's Friends Children's Cancer Fund. There will be a bounce house, music and post-race refreshments. Applications and information are available at www.Lexi96.org and at the Agawam Public Library.

THE LADIES GLEE CLUB AND THE MEN'S SINGING SECTION of the Spring-field Turnverein, located at 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, will host "German Night," Saturday, June 7. Tickets are \$15 per person and include dinner and dancing. Reservations are required by June 4 and may be made by calling Wilma Gillan at (413) 786-4671.

THE HOLYOKE MERRY-GO-ROUND, which is open Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m., will have the 2013 Boston Red Sox World Series Trophy on display Saturday, June 7, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. The public is invited. For more information, call (413)538-9838 or visit www.holyokemerrygoround.



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